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1. PRESIDENT MOBUTU IN NEW YEAR'S SPEECH TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS ON JANUARY 5 EXPLAINED HIS RECENT ECONOMIC MEASURES AS "NOT NATIONALIZATION BUT A NORMALIZING OF AN UNFAR SITUATION PERPETUATING COLONIAL EXPLOITATION IN A POLITICALLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRY."

2. CITING RECENT UN RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OF EACH STATE OVER ITS NATURAL RESOURCES, HE SAID "YESTERDAY'S POOR BECOME RICH WHEN THEY ARE MASTERS OF THEIR OWN ECONOMIES." AS IN CASE OF ARAB OIL PRODUCERS, AN ALLIANCE OF THE OPPRESSED IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO BE HEARD BY THE RICH COUNTRIES.

3. MOBUTU CALLED FOR INDEPENDENCE IN INTERDEPENDENCY. HE SAID PRINCIPLES OF FREE TRADE AND COMPETITION ON WHICH GATT IS BASED MUST BE RECONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT COMMERICAL COMPETITION MUST TAKE PLACE AS AMONG EQUALS. THE EEC-AAMS NEGOTIATIONS ESPECIALLY MUST BE CONDUCTED IN THIS NEW SPIRIT, WITH ONE SIDE DROPPING ITS SUPERIORITY COMPLEX AND THE OTHER ITS INFERIORITY COMPLEX.
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4. ON POLITICAL SIDE, MOBUTU SAID THAT COMMON STRATEGY OF TANZANIA, ZAMBI AND ZAIRE, SUPPORTED BY AFRICA AND ARBA COUNTRIES, RAISED HOPES STILL FURTHER THAT DAYS OF PORTUGAL AND OTHER COLONIALISTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE NUMBERED.

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